

Peterson flag plaza dedicated

Peterson Complex members remain standing after the flag is raised during the flag plaza dedication June 1. The event was also a noncommissioned officer and senior NCO promotion recognition and induction ceremony. Twenty promotees were welcomed into the NCO and senior NCO corps. See page 10 for more on the ceremony.



Photo by Cliff Blum

Roche sworn in as 20th Air Force secretary



Courtesy photo

Dr. James G. Roche was sworn in as the 20th secretary of the Air Force, June 1, during a ceremony at the Pentagon.

WASHINGTON — Dr. James G. Roche was sworn in as the 20th secretary of the Air Force June 1 during a ceremony at the Pentagon.

David O. Cooke, director of administration and management for the Office of the Secretary of Defense, administered the oath of office. Roche was nominated by the president May 7 and confirmed by the Senate May 24.

As secretary, Roche is responsible for the functioning and efficiency of the Air Force, formulation of service policies and programs, and timely implementation of presidential and secretary of defense decisions and instructions.

"I am honored to be confirmed as the secretary of the Air Force, and to join one of the most innovative, dedicated and respected teams the world has known — the United States Air Force," Roche said. "I appreciate the confidence and trust the president, the secretary of defense and the Senate have in me to lead this proud aerospace team. I consider it an esteemed privilege to have this opportunity to serve with the Air Force's outstanding men and women.

"Over the past decade, our nation has demanded increasingly more effort and sacrifice from the Air Force team — our active duty airmen, civil servants, Guardsmen, Reservists and contractors — and that team has responded brilliantly," Roche said. "The American people have the highest confidence in our military forces

and are justifiably proud of the Air Force's numerous achievements and bright future.

"We must now respond to this century's new and emerging national security environment by fostering even more constructive relationships among the services to more fully integrate for joint and combined operations," he said.

Roche, a retired Navy captain, was a recipient of the Arleigh Burke Fleet Trophy for the Navy's most improved combat unit in the Pacific in 1974.

"(I look) forward to piloting the journey ahead for the Air Force," he said. "My vision is an aerospace future just as remarkable as its admired past. My pledge is that I will serve the way Air Force men and women do every day throughout the world; with integrity, selflessness and in earnest pursuit of excellence."

"We welcome Secretary Roche and his family to the Air Force team," said Gen. Michael E. Ryan, Air Force chief of staff.

"The secretary has had a distinguished and successful military and civilian career," Ryan said. "He brings a unique and valuable combination of military experience, executive management expertise and proven leadership that will be an asset to our Air Force and our nation. I look forward to serving with him."

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Message from the 21st SW commander

The past few weeks have been very busy around the 21st Space Wing. Although not everyone was directly involved in the vice president's visit, the flag plaza dedication and NCO induction ceremony and the planning of Corona, we all played a role. We are all part of Team 21.

The vice presidential visit, as short as it was, came off without a hitch. We received numerous accolades from the secret service and the vice president's staff. We presented a good impression of the Air Force during the first visit to Peterson by a member of the new administration. They saw the professionalism and commitment of all our troops. It was a great effort.

The flag plaza dedication and NCO induction ceremony was another awe-inspiring event. Last Friday, the weather cleared and under a sun-filled, blue sky, the American flag flew for the first time officially on the new wing flag pole. There is no sight more patriotic than the flag waving in the breeze with the Rocky Mountains as a backdrop. Another moment of honor was watching a group of NCOs being inducted into the NCO corps. This is a big step in an enlisted members career, signifying their hard work and commitment to the Air Force. It was an honor for me to be a part of such an important step in their lives.

And most recently, we received the news that CORONA was not to be held at Peterson, but instead in Washington DC. Although the news was immensely disappointing, everyone involved deserves a pat on the back because the preparation for CORONA was a huge undertaking. I must admit, I was disappointed when I heard the news because I know, as a team, we were ready. We were confident the conference would run smoothly and I wanted our base and our personnel to have the opportunity to shine in front of our senior leaders. We had reached our apex; we were peaking at just the right point. That is due to all the hard work of members of our team.

So now, take some time over the next few weeks to regenerate your batteries. Then we will start focusing on our next set of milestones, which pave the way to a successful ORI in August.

Brig. Gen. Bob Kehler
21st Space Wing commander

Chief of staff outlines top priorities

NELLIS AIR FORCE BASE, Nev. -- Families, a balanced civilian workforce and military construction funding are high-priority issues that senior Air Force leaders continue to address, said Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Michael Ryan.

"We are a family Air Force," Ryan said during a visit here. "This is a recurring theme I encounter from airmen stationed around the world. Most of our folks when they finish their first tour have families."

Ryan said that the Air Force is an expeditionary force, in the business of deploying. But when members deploy, they want to know that their families are stable, safe and secure.

"We, as a family Air Force, must make sure they are taken care of, particularly those who live on the installations," Ryan said. "Approximately half of the military family housing needs rebuilding; we are working very hard to take care of that. There is a plan in place to make this happen by the end of the next decade."

"We are expanding facilities on base, such as child care," Ryan said. "When we focus on the families, we can be sure that airmen are focusing on the mission."

In the last few years Air Force people have received many much-needed pay and quality-of-life improvements, such as across-the-board pay increases, and just recently, the Family Subsistence Supplemental Allowance. Ryan expects this trend to continue.

"The service chiefs came together and worked very hard with the administration and Congress to try and turn around the trend of paying our folks less as we ask them to do more," he said. "We think it is imperative that we compensate our folks sufficient to the task that we ask them to do."

Ryan acknowledged the great demand for Air Force people in the civilian workforce.

"They are excellent workers, they are disciplined, they are drug-free," Ryan said. "They are family people who know how to lead and how to follow and industry wants them. What we have to do is make sure we provide the quality of service and the quality of life to keep them here."

Most Air Force members love what they do, Ryan said.

They love the camaraderie and appreciate the challenge of the mission. "But their ultimate concern is for their families. Families always have 51 percent of the vote," he said. "That's why we have to continue to work on driving the equitability of pay with the civilian counterparts. People should not be penalized for serving their country."

Ryan is not only concerned with the men and women in uniform who make up the Air Force. Civil servants have been a vital part of the Air Force since its beginning. With more than 40 percent of the civilian work force eligible to retire in the next few years, the Air Force could face a shortage of experience and skills. Ryan does not believe this will have a great effect on the force.

"Even though a great number will be eligible, not all will choose to leave when they reach that point. Many will stay on with us," Ryan said. "We have asked Congress for help in trying to shape the force. That is, to bring in more younger people to balance our experience levels, and to be able to give incentives to our folks who want to retire."

"We have a wonderfully dedicated civilian workforce," Ryan said. "They are part of our team; they are Air Force. But we have to ensure that we are balanced so that it is a stable career for our civilians. That's why we are currently working on incentives for those who want to retire early, opening the way for a younger workforce."

Relief is in sight for military construction, he said.

"For the past four years we have underfunded MILCON and modernization to take care of families and readiness," Ryan said. "Budget caps have prevented us from increasing MILCON projects in any significant way, and we've had to defer modernization of our infrastructure so we could take care of families and quality of life. We hope very soon to be able to turn that around. We believe that will be a priority of this administration and Congress." (Courtesy of Air Combat Command News Service)

Action line

Submitting Action Lines

The Action Line (556-7777 or by fax: 556-7848) is your direct link to me. It provides an avenue for you to voice concerns over unsolved problems, share good ideas or provide some constructive criticism.



Brig. Gen. Bob Kehler

As a reminder, the Action Line is not a replacement for using your chain of command. Action Lines can help make the Peterson Complex and the wing a better place to live and work.

Q. Why do you need a power of attorney to put a car for sale at the auto shop if you don't own the car? I am not trying to sell the car. I am just trying to advertise it for sale. Thank you very much.

A. Thank you for allowing me to address this issue. Since you do not own the vehicle, the power of attorney is the only verification automotive skills center personnel have that you have been given access to

the vehicle and permission to advertise it for sale. For more information, please call the ASC manager, Calvin Gammon, at 556-4881.

Q. Why are the fees for the youth center's sports program still the same as last year when the program is being run so differently? I have participated in the youth center's sports program for the last four seasons and this is the first time there are only going to be four or five games played instead of the usual eight. I still have to pay for trophies. I am also coaching to assist in offsetting the fee, but I am still paying the same as I did in prior seasons. I am told the fees are for the referees. Thank you.

A. I appreciate your concerns and comments about the Peterson AFB youth sports program. Youth sports registration fees are not based on the number of games played, and they are not used to pay for the referees or for coaches. Your fees pay for supplies, equipment and field maintenance. The youth center tries to run a seven-week season for all sports when possible. However, the length of each season is dependent upon the number of teams, field availability and weather conditions. Therefore the current soccer season is short because the youth center delayed starting until there was sufficient participation. If you have further questions regarding youth programs please contact Jane-Marie Kopinski or Sonny Campbell at 556-7220.

Promotion recognition ceremony

In honor of the recent E-6 and E-7 promotion, the U.S. Space Command, 21st Space Wing and 50th SW command chief master sergeants are sponsoring a recognition ceremony for the promotees today, 4 p.m., at the enlisted club. Family members and supervisors are encouraged to attend and bring a camera.



Salute!



Photo by Staff Sgt. Alex R. Lloyd

Base members are reminded to render appropriate respect and courtesies to commanders in their staff cars. Offering a salute to a passing staff car is a required Air Force courtesy. Just in case you haven't seen base staff cars, here are a couple of photos. Left: The staff car of Gen. Ed Eberhart, Air Force Space Command commander. Right: The staff car of Brig. Gen. Bob Kehler, 21st Space Wing commander.



Photo by Senior Airman Shane Sharp

Technical sergeant promotions top last year's percentage; master sergeant selections remain at all time high

The Air Force selected 7,031 of 18,038 eligible technical sergeants for promotion to master sergeant and 12,051 of 36,095 eligible staff sergeants for promotion to technical sergeant. This represents an overall 38.98 percent selection rate for the 01E7 cycle and 33.39 percent selection rate for the 01E6 cycle. The master sergeant selection percentage stayed virtually tied with last year's percentage of 39.10, while this year's technical sergeant rate surged nearly six points beyond last year's already record showing of 27.64 percent.

Technical sergeant selects

Staff sergeants from the 21st Space Wing and Peterson Air Force Base include the following, sorted by unit to which they are assigned:

1st Command and Control Squadron

Danna L. Fox
2nd Space Warning Squadron
John F. Bentivegna
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Douglas L. Droz
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Jeremy A. Bair
Timothy A. Bishop
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Ian M. Forrester
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Patrick L. Kincaid
Steven W. Kindle
Erik G. Larsen
Stephen G. Lyon
John T. Norris
Mark Y. Phelps
6th SWS
Richard P. Geist
Marvin Harris
Vaughn A. Zelinsky
11th SWS
Willie T. Blocker
Timothy J. Brister
Michael D. Morris
Ben C. Smith
12th SWS
Jeffrey M. Bowles
Scott D. Orbeck
Edward L. Oslica
13th SWS
Jonathan L. Conlon
Sean M. Cope
Derrick Jones
Robert E. Scheiterle
18th Space Support Squadron
Antonio R. Magorno

George M. Rapko
Bruce M. Webb
Andre T. Williams
20th Space Support Squadron
Brian M. Sorrell
21st Space Wing
Michael Brown
Stephen L. Bryant
David W. Hutchinson
Abraham L. Malit
Gino G. Mattorano
Jeffrey H. Whiteman
21st Civil Engineer Squadron
James A. Dent
Andrew Lewis
Paul D. Macek
Mark R. Martinez
Freddie J. McKinney
Vincent J. Munson
William C. Penister
Brent S. Sheehan
Lauren T. Speakman
21st Communications Squadron
Raymond D. Ford
21st Contracting Squadron
Racheal D. Clardy-Sawyer
Eugene A. Ferguson
Yolanda Robinson-Freeman
21st Logistics Support Squadron
Jamey L. Coleman
William M. Gillis
Michael G. Moffett
21st Mission Support Squadron
Dennis W. Bragg
21st Operations Group
Donald C. Wilson
21st Operations Support Squadron

21st Space Wing

21st Civil Engineer Squadron

21st Communications Squadron

21st Contracting Squadron

21st Logistics Support Squadron

21st Mission Support Squadron

21st Operations Group

21st Operations Support Squadron

21st Security Forces Squadron

21st Services Squadron

21st Support Squadron

21st Technical Support Squadron

21st Training Squadron

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Cameron D. Thomas
21st Security Forces Squadron
Joseph D. Barone
Alicia Figueroa
Michael E. Henn
John T. Jones
Eric W. Malone
Frederick T. McKenna
Robert G. Smith
Dan K. Wilkerson
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Deanna L. Buersken
Joseph P. Harrish
Joel Pearson
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Edward C. Beckett
Daniel Castaneda
David L. Howland
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721st CS
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New commander takes reins of 821st Space Group at

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BUCKLEY AFB, Colo. — Col. James A. Sands assumed command of the 821st Space Group, formerly held by Col. Craig C. Whitehead, during ceremonies here May 29.

Whitehead, commander since Feb. 26, was stationed at Buckley since June 1998. He will now command the 12th Space Warning Squadron at Thule Air Base, Greenland.

Sands just completed a two-year tour of duty as commander of the 82nd Support Group at Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas. Before that, he served as chief of

Air Force Space Command's space support division, Peterson Air Force Base. Other career highlights include missile and space officer assignments ranging from the Joint Staff to squadron command.

Sands is a 1978 graduate of Arizona State University, where he earned his Air Force commission through the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps program.

His awards include the Legion of Merit, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster, Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters, Joint Service Commendation Medal, and others.

When asked about what he sees as his biggest initial challenge, Col. Sands said, "Establishing affordable housing for people stationed here is one of my top priorities."



Photo by Airman Tarkan Dospil

Brig. Gen. Bob Kehler, left, passes the 821st Space Group guidon to Col. James A. Sands during a change of command ceremony May 29 at Buckley Air Force Base while the outbound group commander, Col. Craig C. Whitehead, (right) looks on.

821st to become 460th Air Base Wing

By Tech. Sgt. Jim Randall
821st Public Affairs

BUCKLEY AFB, Colo. — During his farewell address to the 821st Space Group on May 29, former group commander Col. Craig C. Whitehead formally announced plans for the 821st to stand up as the 460th Air Base Wing on Oct. 1.

Upon activation, the wing mission will be to provide base operating support. Group operational mission responsibilities have transferred to the 21st Space Wing at Peterson Air Force Base.

This milestone is a big step toward providing improved service to the military community, including local retirees and those working at local area military organizations like the Defense Finance and Accounting Service and the Air Reserve Personnel Center in Denver.

Without operational responsibility, the 460th Air Base Wing will be able to focus its resources on other aspects of national defense, taking care of people and managing the installation.

The 460th ABW will consist of four units: 460th ABW Headquarters, the 460th Comptroller Flight, 460th Logistics Squadron and the 460th Support Group. The 460th Support Group will also include three subordinate units: 460th Civil Engineer Squadron, 460th Communications Squadron and the 460th Security Forces Squadron.

The new group commander, Col. James Sands, will retain command of the unit when it stands up as the 460th.

Activation of the 460th ABW will be the culmination of a process that started nearly three years ago when former Secretary of the Air Force F. Whitten Peters directed Air Force Space Command to assume host responsibilities for the base.

Last October, the 821st Space Group took over those responsibilities from the Colorado Air National Guard, which had been host for the base for more than 40 years.

Members of the 821st Space Group have spent the past two years laying groundwork for the wing activation at Buckley Air Force Base.

The activation ceremony is tentatively slated for Oct. 1.



Detachment 2, 18th SPSS tracking objects from the other side of the world



Detachment 2, 18th Space
Surveillance Squadron,
Diego Garcia, British Indian
Ocean Territories

Where in the world is Diego Garcia and why is Detachment 2, 18th Space Surveillance Squadron there? Quite frankly, it is in the middle of nowhere, but what the unit does is vital to the space surveillance network.

Like its sister sites at Socorro, N.M.; Maui, Hawaii; and Moron, Spain; Det. 2 is located far from the 18th SPSS at Edwards Air Force Base, Calif. and wing headquarters at Peterson. Det. 2 takes the term "detachment" to the extreme. As matter as fact, you can't get any farther away.

Diego Garcia is part of the British Indian Ocean Territories, and is situated near the center of the Indian Ocean between Africa and the Indonesian Archipelago. The island is remote, with the nearest commercial port being Colombo, Sri Lanka, around 960 nautical miles away. It is classified as a coral atoll and is among a number of islands forming a cluster known as the Chagos Archipelago.

The primary mission of the detachment is to detect, track and identify space objects within its area of coverage. The unit usually provides data on deep space objects in orbits from 3,000 to 22,000 miles up, although it has a limited near-earth detection capability. Satellite information is provided to the 18th SPSS at Edwards and the Space Control Center at Cheyenne Mountain Air Force Station in Colorado.

The detachment is one of three worldwide Ground-Based Electro-Optical Deep Space Surveillance sites. To perform its mission, GEODSS brings together the telescope, low-light-level television cameras, and computers: three proven technologies. The site uses three powerful telescopes able to "see" objects 10,000 times dimmer than the human eye can detect. And because the site is an optical sensor, mission operations are best accomplished during relatively clear sky conditions at night.

The detachment was activated June 18, 1986, as Detachment 4, 1st Space Wing. Feb. 1, 1990, it was reassigned to the 18th SPSS upon activation of that squadron. Both the detachment and its parent squadron were reassigned to the 21st Space Wing May 15, 1992, when the 21st SW assumed responsibility for all space surveillance units. The unit became Detachment 2, Aug. 1, 1994.

The site is operated and maintained by 19 contract workers. The one Air Force master sergeant assigned has primary responsibility to ensure the mission is accomplished and the contractor's work performance is satisfactory. The current contractor is Litton/PRC, Inc, which has held the contract since Oct. 1, 1983.



Courtesy photos

Above: Aerial view of Diego Garcia
Right: Detachment 2, 18th Space Surveillance
Squadron GEODSS facilities buildings.



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1,500 USAF members owe Social Security

WASHINGTON — About 1,500 Air Force people have been overpaid due to undercollection of Social Security FICA and Medicare withholdings.

This problem affects people who had adjustments to base pay, such as promotions, demotions, longevity increases, forfeitures and the Montgomery G.I. Bill.

The problem was created with last year's tax release to the Defense Joint Military Pay System and has recently been fixed, Defense Finance Accounting Service officials said. Overpayment amounts ranged from pennies to \$1,700.

The overpayments, which affect all services, may not be waived and must be paid back. DFAS reduced the end-of-month May pay of about 700 people who owed \$120 or less.

The remaining, about 800 people, will have the shortfall prorated and deducted from their end-of-month pay for June, July and August. DFAS officials realize this may create a financial hardship for some people and will work those repayments on a case-by-case basis.

A small percentage of people had more money withheld than required. This money was added back in their end-of-month May pay.

In addition to the problem with 2001 taxes, about 140 people had incorrect FICA taxes for 2000. Officials say these amounts were much smaller, but still must be corrected. These overpayments will be corrected once DFAS processes and corrects 2001 taxes.

For more information, call the 21st Comptroller Squadron at 556-4770. (Courtesy of Air Force Print News)

Star card rate-drop benefits base exchange customers

Military Star cardholders will see another drop in the card's interest rate. For the fifth time this year, the Federal Reserve has lowered key interest rates by one-half percent. As a result, banks also reduced their prime lending rate by one-half percent. Thus, the Military Star card dropped from 12.25 percent to 11.75 percent June 1. The interest rate is computed by adding 4.75 plus the U.S. prime rate.

This latest decrease broadens the highly competitive rate of the Military Star card versus other credit cards. According to www.bankrate.com, the average fixed rate for a standard credit card is 16.01 percent, a gold card is 14.96 percent and a platinum card is 15.67 percent. The Military Star card, which is not a bank card, is comparable to a private label credit card, similar to those offered by retailers such as Sears, J.C. Penney, Home Depot and Target. Depending on a customer's payment history, such companies offer interest rates ranging from 21 percent to 24.99 percent.

The new rate does not apply to military clothing plans, special promotions already in existence, or other special programs which may offer reduced rates such as reduced interest for JCS directed orders.

The Military Star card is accepted at all AAFES, NEXCOM, MCX and Coast Guard exchanges, including catalog and military clothing stores operated by AAFES and Marine Corps exchanges. (Courtesy of AAFES)

Fruits, vegetables could carry germs; wash food carefully before you eat

SAN ANTONIO - The summer season is upon us, and the Defense Commissary Agency has some good advice when it comes to enjoying fresh fruits and vegetables.

Recently, California, and several other states, have reported an increase in illnesses associated with cantaloupes. However, there is a risk of becoming ill from almost any food item, including fresh fruits and vegetables, if they are not handled properly.

Bacteria cause the majority of food borne illnesses. For example, the recent outbreaks associated with cantaloupes were caused by a rare strain of salmonella bacteria. Some other bacteria that can cause illnesses are e coli O157-H7, listeria monocytogenes, clostridium botulinum, and many others. Proper handling can easily control these microorganisms and the illnesses they cause.

When it comes to fresh fruits and vegetables, one of the most important ways to ensure the removal of harmful microorganisms is to thoroughly wash the food. Most fruits and vegetables have a protective layer (skin, rind, or peel) that prevents the bacteria from getting to the inside of the produce. However, if food is improperly washed, bacteria on the surface can be transferred to the inside when cutting, slicing, or peeling.

Proper temperature is another very important control measure in reducing the risk of bacteria illness. When food items are prepared, they should be maintained at a temperature that will limit growth of harmful bacteria. Bottom line: keep hot foods hot (140 degrees or above) and cold foods cold (40 degrees or below).

So, enjoy your commissary's vast assortment of fresh fruits and vegetables, and have a safe, healthy summer. (Courtesy of the Defense Commissary Agency)

Red Cross offers CPR classes

Community CPR - \$38

Tuesday, 6-9:30 p.m. - Adult CPR

Thursday, 6-9:30 p.m. - Child and infant CPR

Adult CPR - \$35

June 18, 6-9:30 p.m.

First aid - \$30

June 20, 6-9:30 p.m.

Babysitter training (for youth ages 11-15) - \$30

Saturday and June 21, 6-9:30 p.m.



For more information, call Karen Ellis at 556-9201

Space traffic controllers keep satellites safe

By Lynn Gonzales

Air Force Space Command Public Affairs

A bullet fired on Earth travels 2,700 miles per hour and can do damage for up to 1,000 yards before it stops. A loose bolt in space hits at 17,000 miles per hour, goes through a spacecraft and keeps going.

It's one office's job to make sure such a catastrophe doesn't happen.

One Air Force Space Command Space Safety Office mission is to keep satellites away from the more than 9,000 pieces of space debris and dead satellites flying around Earth. If they fail, space assets worth millions join the belt of worthless debris that surround the Planet.

"Some areas of concern are collision avoidance, radio frequency interference, solar flares, Leonids [meteors], space debris and end-of-life 'safing' [making sure the satellite has a safe and passive afterlife in space]," said Lt. Col.

Ed Browne, AFSPC chief of space safety. "Each one presents a huge risk to our space assets."

Collision avoidance, also called COLA, is one of orbital safety's primary concerns. A collision can disrupt or destroy communications, navigation and weather information.

While air traffic controllers maintain radio contact with pilots to maintain safe separation, orbital safety officers must monitor the satellites, planning maneuvers through space riddled with thousands of objects.

Satellites are not only a target for visible debris but also for invisible intruders. Radio frequency interference

can block commands used to adjust a satellite's path from the ground. If it can't get commands telling it to get out of the way, there could be a collision.

The number of frequencies used is limited. Satellites at that distance from Earth's perspective are grouped closely together such as on the geostationary belt, which increases the need to maintain RFI-free communications.

Space weather, such as an intense flurry of solar flares erupting on an 11 year cycle (known as solar max), can also damage satellites orbiting the earth. Browne said satellite operations have statistically seen greater losses of satellites during that time.

Another cyclic threat to orbiting space assets is meteor showers, such as the Leonids that occur every year in mid-November.

"The risk associated with each threat seems to go in cycles," said Browne. "Each one becomes widely known at different times. When Leonids was in the news, it was a great exercise for satellite operations and orbital safety because everyone in satellite ops looked at this, planned for it and started doing risk assessments as to what should be done and what could happen to our satellites. They really started to think ahead and think how to prevent a loss. Today, people are doing the same thing with solar flares."

Satellites aren't the only space travelers protected. COLA also keeps manned spacecraft safe. NASA's "Debris Quarterly" magazine tracks the maneuvers made by the new International Space Station and space shuttle to avoid space debris, said Browne.

Orbital safety officers also make sure that once a satellite dies, it's safely placed in a graveyard that doesn't interfere with live satellites.

Once the useful life of a satellite has come to an end, which

is usually due to running out of station-keeping or attitude control propellant or due to degraded components, the satellite can become a hazard to other operational satellites. This hazard can be minimized by moving the satellite to a seldom-used orbit, referred to as a "graveyard" orbit, or re-entered and burned up in the atmosphere if it is in a low orbit, as was done with Mir, the aging Russian space station that re-entered the atmosphere in March. Orbital safety can minimize the potential hazards of a satellite at the end of its life by venting any pressurized tanks, to make safe any remaining pyrotechnic devices and to turn off transmitters.

Orbital safety begins its work in the satellite's cradle and ends with the graveyard. They are there during design to minimize the generation of debris during the satellite's life, and minimize its vulnerabilities to natural and man-made hazards.

Air Force space operations squadrons, which operate satellites, are required to have an orbital safety program headed by an orbital safety officer. In AFSPC, squadrons in the 21st and 50th Space Wings at Peterson and Schriever AFBs, Colo., maintain programs that oversee collision avoidance, review safety procedures and limit space debris.

At a recent orbital safety summit, more than 40 safety members from AFSPC and headquarters U.S. Air Force discussed orbital safety, its mission and how the program is evolving.

"Due to the importance of current and future military operations and on-orbit assets, operations crews, maintainers and monitors must have an active and engaging safety program to protect space assets," said Maj. Paul Mejasich, chief of orbital safety for the Air Force Safety Center at the Pentagon. "A robust Air Force space program requires a proactive safety program which can identify and mitigate space hazards; prevent mishaps during development, testing, evaluation, and space operations; and enhance the growing safe, use of space products and tools by the joint warfighter."

In addition to battling space debris and solar flares, orbital safety experts maintain an engineering database of lessons learned from previous situations, track the laser clearing house to ensure a clear path for any radiated lasers, and conduct launch and early orbit rehearsals to anticipate possible mishaps.

If there is a mishap, an investigation is conducted to determine the cause so future mishaps are prevented. This is a challenging task, since hardware typically can't be recovered once in orbit. Preserving telemetry and other data such as factory build and test data is a critical component in determining the cause of an on-orbit mishap.

In the time it took to read this article, thousands of objects, orbiting up to 22,000 miles above the earth, passed overhead. Orbital safety officers made sure they flew by each other without incident.



News

21st OPERATIONS GROUP CHANGE OF COMMAND: The 21st OG will change command during a ceremony June 21, 1 p.m., at the enlisted club ballroom. A reception will immediately follow the ceremony.

CADET SPONSORSHIP: The Air Force Academy's sponsorship program is looking for potential sponsors. Sponsor families help newly appointed cadets adjust to the area and to school. Sponsors can be active duty or retired military, or civilians. Active duty and retired military sponsors must be at least an E-7 or O-3 and above. Federal civilian employees must be a GS-7 or above. Members of the surrounding communities may also become sponsors by submitting three letters: one letter with family background information and two letters of recommendation from either a work, neighborhood or community source. All three letters must be submitted to Cadet Sponsorship Program, 2302 Cadet Drive, Suite 12, USAFA, CO 80840. For more information, call Dennis Mitchell or Mary Bice at 333-2727 or 333-3477.

RED CROSS VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES: The Red Cross needs volunteers for the Peterson AFB clinic and the Air Force Academy Hospital. Volunteers will be trained, so no experience is necessary. Financial assistance for child care is available for volunteers with children. For more information, call 556-7590 between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

ARMED SERVICES YMCA FATHER'S DAY PICNIC: The Armed Services YMCA of the Pikes Peak Region will hold a Father's Day picnic June 17, 12:30-2:30 p.m. The event will be held at the

Fountain/Fort Carson Sports Complex at 900 Jimmy Camp Rd., Fountain. The ASYMCA Father's Day Picnic is free and open to all military fathers and their families. The menu includes hot dogs and hamburgers, and activities include a pool party and outdoor games for the kids. Reservations are required. Call 393-9620, ext. 130, for reservations or for more information.

BASE SIREN TESTS: The 21st Space Wing Operations Center will conduct a monthly base siren test starting today. The base siren will be tested the second Friday of each month to ensure the siren is working properly, in the event of a natural disaster or contingency situation. Tests will last about a minute. If you have any questions, please contact the WOC at

is scheduled for June 25, 9-11:30 a.m., at the enlisted club. Spouses are also invited. Learn about competition of finding a job, perceptions civilian employers have of military personnel, a plan for your job search, resume cover letters, broadcast letters, as well as how employers read your resume, networking and penetrating the hidden job market, preparing for and conducting a successful interview, salary negotiations and benefit packages, and rejection.

**Military Personnel Flight
556-7377**

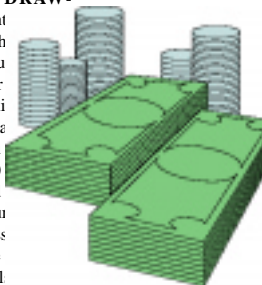
NEW HOURS OF OPERATION: Walk-in hours for all work centers other than customer service (promotions, evaluations, separations, etc.) are 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Only customers with appointments will be served from 8-10 a.m. The customer service counter will remain open from 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

**Enlisted Club
556-4194**

OFFICIAL FUNCTIONS: Official functions held at Peterson's enlisted or officers' clubs are eligible for specially designated appropriated funds that are fenced directly for that purpose and do not come from the using unit. These funds pay for set up, tear down and cleaning fees. Base members are encouraged to use the club facilities and the appropriated funds for official functions including pin-on ceremonies, commanders calls, change of command ceremonies, and more. To reserve the club for an official function, call the club caterer. Requests must be made at least two weeks prior to the event. For details, call 556-4194 (enlisted club) or 574-4103 (officers' club).

MONEY DRAW-

ING: Who want \$1,000? Visit the enlisted club Friday nights for club membership drawing the could leave you at least \$1,000 richer. You need to have your card in your possession you need to be win. For detail Shaffer at 556-4194.



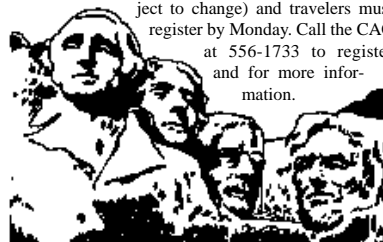
The purpose of the open forum discussion is to provide updates on the various leave program entitlements and provisions, as well as providing a handout containing information source references. For more information, call Bill Bartlow at 556-6557 or Theresa Dickson at 556-9231.

**Community Activities Center
556-7671**

SKY SOX NIGHT: Free tickets are available to the Sky Sox baseball game against the Portland Beavers Thursday, 7:05 p.m. Tickets are available at the community activities center. Call 556-7671 for details.

WINE TASTING AT CREEKSIDE CELLARS: A trip is planned to taste wine at Creekside Cellars June 16. Those participating in the trip can sample Cabernet Franc, Chardonnay, Pinot Noir, Lake Haus Vintage Port, Black Muscat Port and others at the Evergreen vintner. There is an Italian deli where visitors can eat lunch. To register at the CAC by June 14, call 556-7671.

MOUNT RUSHMORE TRIP: Take a trip to see Mount Rushmore, S.D., and other national historical sites June 21-24. See Mt. Rushmore, Deadwood, Crazy Horse Monument, Custer State Park and Sylvan Lake. The cost is \$275 per person (prices subject to change) and travelers must register by Monday. Call the CAC at 556-1733 to register and for more information.



SUMMER READING PROGRAM: This program is open to all children, infant through 18. If your child is too small to read you can read to them and enable them to become better readers. There will be weekly prizes and a party will be held the final day. For details, call the library at 556-7462.

NAF RESALE STORE: The NAF resale store is open for business Tuesday-Thursday, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., at Building 675 (outdoor recreation). The store has no telephone number. You must visit the store to see and purchase any merchandise.

**Youth Center
556-7220**

YOUTH BASEBALL: The opening ceremony for youth baseball scheduled for Saturday has been cancelled. However, player pictures will be taken Saturday, 10:30 a.m.-noon, at the youth field. For more information, call Les Stewart at 556-7220.

YOUTH SOCCER: The closing ceremony for youth soccer is Saturday at the youth center. Call the youth center for details.

NIGHT HOOPS: Night basketball for 13-18 year-olds begins tonight, and will be held every Friday, 6-9 p.m., at the fitness center on court two. For more information, call the youth center.

**Family Advocacy Center
556-8943**

MOTHERS ON THE MOVE: Take a stroll around base with other moms; strollers and toddlers are welcome. Group walks are, 9:30-10:30 a.m., Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Call for details.

NEW BEGINNINGS: This class for expectant parents covers the physical stages of development of mom and child throughout nine months of pregnancy. The class is taught by a family advocacy center registered nurse, June 18, 1-3 p.m., at the education center.

**Family Support Center
556-6141**

Classes are held in the family support center classroom, 135 Dover Street, Building. 350, Room 1016, unless otherwise specified. Registration is required for all FSC classes. To register, call the FSC at 556-6141 or stop by the FSC classroom.

BUNDLES FOR BABIES: If you are a pregnant active-duty member or pregnant spouse of an active-duty member, you are invited to attend the Bundles for Babies class June 19, 1-3 p.m. Learn about budgeting for a baby and how to calm a baby. All eligible members will receive a special gift compliments of Air Force Aid. Dads are encouraged to attend.



JOB ORIENTATION: For an overview of the local job market and a look at how family support can help with your job search, sign up for this orientation offered Thursday or June 14 and 28, 1-2:30 p.m.

MARKETING YOURSELF FOR A SECOND CAREER: This is a free, two-hour professional lecture for officers and senior NCO's who plan to leave the service in the next five years. The event

Civilian Personnel Flight

CIVILIAN EMPLOYEE HEALTH BENEFIT SERVICE DAY: Representatives from Blue Cross/Blue Shield, AETNA U.S. Healthcare, Government Employees Health Association, Pacificare of Colorado and Kaiser Permanente, will be available to meet with Peterson Complex civilian employees to discuss questions or concerns regarding health insurance coverage. Appointments are not required. Representatives will be available Wednesday in the civilian personnel office training room from 9-10:30 a.m. For more information, call Beverly Sagapolutele, 556-7073.

OPEN FORUM DISCUSSIONS: The Civilian Personnel Flight will host open forum discussions for all Peterson Complex civilian employees and supervisors of civilians, at the officers' club ballroom June 28, 8-10 a.m., and 2-4 p.m. All Peterson Complex civilian employees and supervisors are encouraged to attend. Seating will be first come, first served, with a maximum of 200 seats available. Discussion topics will be "Family Friendly Programs" including provisions of the family medical leave act, leave without pay entitlements, family care/bereavement provisions, absence for child birth or infant care, voluntary leave transfer program provisions and "on-line" sources for civilian personnel program information.

Base dedicates new flag plaza

Combined ceremony includes NCO and senior NCO promotion recognition and induction

The Peterson Air Force Base flag plaza was dedicated during a ceremony June 1.

The event was more than just a dedication ceremony. It was also a promotion recognition and induction ceremony for 20 NCOs and senior NCO who were

welcomed into the NCO corps.

After the plaza dedication and promotion recognitions, attendees participated in a retreat ceremony.

The new flag plaza will be the site of upcoming events and ceremonies.

Left to right, Chief Master Sgt. Fred Schoettler, 21st SW command chief master sergeant; Dave Loker, construction project supervisor; Brig. Gen. Bob Kehler, 21st SW commander; and Robert Dixon, project architect, pause before cutting the ribbon to dedicate the flag plaza.



Photo by Rob L. Bussard



Members of the Air Force Band of the Rockies provide music for the ceremony.

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Above: Chief Master Sgt. Fred Schoettler, 21st SW command chief master sergeant administers the noncommissioned officer oath to recently promoted staff sergeants.

Right: Members of the base honorguard raise the Stars and Stripes during the flag plaza dedication ceremony



Photo by Cliff Blum



Photo by Senior Airman Shane Sharp

Local Air Force members lend a hand cleaning up after tornado



Capt. Martin Boganowski, 50th Operations Support Squadron, cleans up pieces of the Ellicott high school May 30.



Photos by Master Sgt. Pat Hughes

A blanket of metal drapes the new Ellicott Junior and Senior High School building, tossed there by a Memorial Day tornado that caused millions of dollars in damage to the rural community. The building was still under construction when the tornado removed a large percent of its roof.

Master Sgt. Pat Hughes from the 21st Space Wing helps clean up debris from the high school. Hughes and several other local Air Force members have been lending a hand in clean-up efforts since May 30. Look for more photos next week.

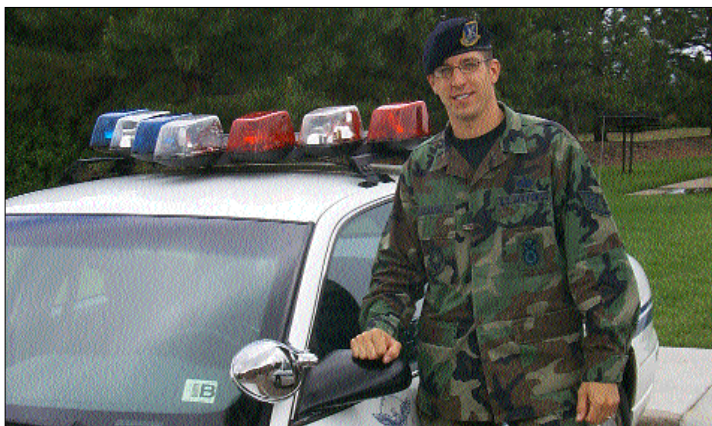


Courtesy photo

Memorial Day weekend was far from a picnic for some Colorado residents, as spring weather conditions ushered in "tornado season." Memorial Day, tornados were sighted throughout the areas surrounding El Paso County, and at least one twister touched down in nearby Ellicott, causing millions of dollars in damage.

After the storm, Ellicott residents turned to Peterson Air Force Base for logistics and manpower help to put their town to rights. The photos here give some indication of the kind of damage done. Next week's observer will carry additional photos of Pete Complex volunteers working to support their neighbors in Ellicott.

Star Performer



Name: Staff Sgt. Scott M. Glassic
Unit: 21st Security Forces Squadron
Job Title: NCOIC, Force Protection/Antiterrorism
Time in Service: 10 years
Hometown: Jim Thorpe, Pennsylvania
About Glassic:

Staff Sgt. Scott Glassic, a security forces craftsman, is involved in all facets of his unit's mission and public activities. He coordinated arrival actions, and support for two Air Force-level antiterrorism assessment teams (balanced survivability assessment team and USAF vulnerability assessment team) that recently visited base. As the wing antiterrorism officer, he provides weekly antiterrorism updates to his unit commander who briefs it to senior wing leaders. He actively coordinates collection, dissemination, and training on antiterrorism

information to more than 30 unit-level points of contact.

In the community, Glassic stepped up, in the absence of the president and vice president, to manage the Rocky Mountain Peacekeepers Association. He coordinated three volunteer efforts to raise more than \$1,000, which will be used to support recognition activities and morale functions. Glassic has been married for two years and, his wife, Jodi, is a personnel specialist assigned to Headquarters Air Force Space Command. Together they volunteer for daycare duties at their local church.

Sergeant Glassic enjoys hunting, camping, any sports activity, and spending time with his wife. His goals are to be promoted to chief master sergeant, complete his degree in elementary education, then become a schoolteacher.

AFSPC names award winners

Air Force Space Command recently named its communications award winners. Members of the 21st Space Wing and Headquarters AFSPC were among the recipients.

Individual winners:

Communications and information professionals of the year:

Tech. Sgt. Devin Glenn, HQ AFSPC — 3AXXX non-commissioned officer.

Senior Master Sgt. Donna Quijano-Butner, 21st SW - 3AXXX senior NCO.

Senior Airman Michael Garcia, 21st SW - 3CXXX airman.

Senior Master Sgt. Randy Bowling, 21st SW - 3CXXX senior NCO.

Charles Whitson Jr., HQ AFSPC - civilian, GS-08 and below.

Laura McDonough, HQ AFSPC - civilian, GS-09 through GS-12.

Capt. Joseph Cox, HQ AFSPC - company grade officer.

Tech. Sgt. Kathleen McKee-Braswell, 21st SW - AFSPC Information Assurance Professional of the Year.

Unit awards:

Technical Control Facility, 21st Space Operations Squadron - AFSPC Defense Information Infrastructure Facility Award, category 1, transmission facility.

Defense Satellite Communications Systems Operations and Maintenance, 21st Space Operations Squadron — AFSPC Defense Information Infrastructure Facility Award, category 9, DSCS Earth Terminals.

The 11th Space Warning Squadron - AFSPC Communications-Electronics Maintenance Effectiveness Award for small unit.

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Rage: Never a good thing, but especially bad behind the wheel

By Lt. Col. Michael I. Trapp
21st Security Forces Squadron commander

"Horn broken; please see finger."
A funny bumper sticker that has been seen on a few cars in the area, but aggressive driving or "road rage" as the media has dubbed it, isn't funny, and it's costing lives.

I have never been much of a "good ol' days" kind of person, but driving and its associated hazards have certainly become more complex. There is an old saying that goes, anyone driving slower than you is an idiot, and anyone driving faster than you is a maniac.

A recent survey of drivers across America found that most people consider themselves above-average drivers. Now let's do the math - 50 percent of the drivers are idiots, another 50 percent are maniacs and according to the survey 80 percent are above average. Hmm, somehow this isn't working out.

The bottom line is, sharing the road is important. It's not only important for your safety and the safety of others, it is the law in Colorado and most other states (except Southern California... just kidding).

Now, what is aggressive driving? Aggressive or reckless driving is defined as any behind-the-wheel behavior that places another person or property in danger through willful action without regard to safety. Driving assertively when you enter a freeway, change lanes or to avoid an accident is acceptable. Aggressive or reckless is defined by intent. If any law enforcement officer feels that your

driving actions are endangering others, you can be charged with reckless driving. If convicted, a significant fine and eight points will be added to your license. If you are under 21, your license suspension is automatic.

Going beyond reckless acts (such as tailgating, passing on the shoulder, running red lights, or cutting off other vehicles), will result in even greater penalties. Brandishing a weapon or ramming another vehicle will result in your arrest under non-traffic laws, and can include misdemeanor or felony charges.

Drive Smart Colorado Springs provides a simple quiz, developed by Leon James, Ph.D., to help you determine if you are an aggressive driver.

Do I:

- Mentally or verbally condemn other drivers?
- Prevent another driver from passing, merging, or changing lanes?
- Tailgate?
- Honk or yell at someone?
- Run a stop sign or red light out of frustration?
- Angrily speed past another

driver?

- Make an obscene gesture?
- Fantasize about attacking another driver?
- Deliberately pursue, bump or ram another vehicle?
- Exit your vehicle to "teach the other driver a lesson?"

If you checked one or more of these in the affirmative, you might be an aggressive driver.

So how do you protect yourself from aggressive drivers? Don't try to match his or her aggressive act. Don't even make eye contact. Even if you made a mistake that made the other driver angry, back off, give way and let the aggressive driver go. The few seconds you lose could save your life and the lives of those you love.

How do you report an aggressive driver? On base, dial 911 or 556-4000 to report the behavior, and you will get a prompt response. Off base and throughout the state of Colorado, call *CSP on your cell phone. The

Colorado highway patrol has set up this special number to deal with aggressive and

drunken drivers. There is no charge for the call.

Finally, how can you avoid becoming one of these "wrapped too tight" people?

For one, leave early for your trip. Too often too many of us put ourselves in the situation of being in a hurry needlessly.

Play music that you like, but not so loud that you can't hear that ambulance on your back bumper.

Stay cool. It is often easy to transfer the anger from some other situation in your life to your driving.

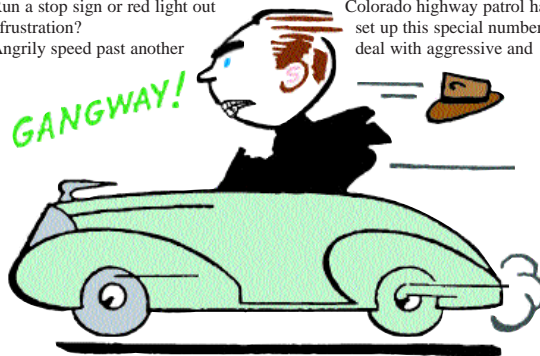
Let people merge into traffic. Even if they are idiots or maniacs or even something more colorful, why make their problems your problems?

This is the hardest one. Put yourself in the other drivers shoes (but wear your own socks). There may be a reason for the way they are driving.

Colorado does not have a road rage statute, yet. However many safety groups like Drive Smart are pressing for one and believe they may get one in the next legislative session. Plenty of traffic and criminal laws apply to aggressive driving.

Just in case you were wondering, Peterson has a zero tolerance policy for aggressive driving and DUI. Seldom does a week go by that a life isn't lost in this state because of road rage. That includes the death of a six-year-old near Fort Carson last week and an actual shoot-out on Powers Boulevard last year.

Happy driving and keep that horn in working order so you won't have to use hand gestures to express yourself.



Core values are a way of life, at home and work

By Master Sgt. Rob Brooks
21st Security Forces Squadron first sergeant

As a father of four, each morning is an adventure rivaled only by the previous weeks' exploits. Saturday I was awakened by a sound that was unidentifiable, yet terrifying. Guardedly, I rolled over in a one-eyed stupor. Alas, my 2-year-old had what was positively the left boot of a Santa candle, missing for the past two seasons.

Knowing it was a mistake, I reached to retrieve the paraffin boot of the beleaguered St. Nick, finding exactly what I had expected: nothing. No belted torso, no belly-o-jelly, no bearded mug. Investigation revealed a lifeless, limbless Chris Kringle lodged in the playroom VCR. Fortunately his exodus was expedited by the strawberry preserves lubricating the overworked machine.

Adventure notwithstanding, fatherhood is fraught with lessons for young and old alike. After spending the day with my oldest daughter Lauren, we decided to cap our trek with dinner at one of the local buffets. While taken payment, the attendant incorrectly assumed Lauren to be 7, thus charging us the child price at \$2.49. Lauren is 8, approaching 9.

It bothered me how long I pondered the miscalculation before, embarrassed, I corrected her. It took more than guilt. It took a lightning bolt: "Is your integrity really worth less than three dollars?" It's a comparatively small thing, but I try to teach my kids that you're trustworthy or you're not. There's no middle ground. I nearly fell short of

leading from the front.

Though laced with joy, fatherhood has its trials. Jamison is our youngest; at 4 months an energetic lad, (especially between midnight and 5 a.m.). My wife is a saint and seemingly tireless during these hours. She is active duty as well and the occasional temporary duty assignment leaves me to cover the fort, though admittedly with less spirit. On one occasion, I awoke to a deep shriek that launched me from slumber to Jamie's room. Reminiscent of the pea scene in the Exorcist, I found more Similac on the walls and mobile than could possibly come from such a small package. He also had tiny, multicolored stars stuck to his forehead and back (you know the kind they use to show attendance at vacation Bible school), which troubled me because never in my memory had we purchased such an item. Clearly Blake, age 5, was seeking new artistic expression.

To say the least, the cleanup and ensuing four hours were trying. At one point, around 3:40 a.m. I actually heard crying in four-part harmony. I considered leaving them all to cry and return to bed myself, since the following work day would be trying as well. A little grumpy, I went to work on one and a half hours of sleep.

As some of you know, I am blessed with very bright kids. They know everything about everything; just ask them. Nobody likes a know-it-all, right? They can be destructive to the common good. My friend John reminds me of a phrase I over-use to this day: "If you don't know, say you don't

know." From the same cliché family as "if you're wrong, say you're wrong," "if the baby is ugly, say the baby is ugly," "dance with what brung ya,"...etc. Anyhow, say you don't know and let them go find somebody who does. Ultimately the common good will prevail and you will seem much wiser than you really are.

What do my fatherhood experiences have to do with anything? Well, one might argue that in uniform I am a bit of a father figure not just for four, but for the nearly 200 I am charged to serve. Certainly each of them needs my guidance on some level. It's an awesome responsibility, to be sure.

I am fortunate to have enjoyed some measure of success at home and on the job. The same guiding principles have enabled me to be successful on both fronts. I try always to do the right thing, even (especially) when nobody would know otherwise. I am resigned to help my fellow man even at some cost to my personal priorities. I seek, and encourage others to seek, wisdom from those who truly know. Often this requires enabling your airmen and junior NCO's and then getting out of the way. The common good of the mission will prevail.

I don't generally take my troops to the buffet or spend colicky nights with them. Nor do I suggest that our collective force resembles the all-knowing, "Brooks Brats". I do, however, believe that the motivators that prove beneficial at home have a place in our workforce.

Until I think of something better, let's call them: *Integrity, Service Before Self, and Excellence*



PETERSON JUNE AWARD CALENDAR

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More AWD Activities from Services

Join the Philsted Club Offices/Club - 1 gamepiece (gp.)
Sign up a new member to the Philsted Club Offices/Club - 1 gp.
If you defer your club dues when you do play - 2 gamepieces/Rentary Camping Package, O.R.C. - 1 gamepiece
Purchase Golf Driving Range Debit Card - 1 gamepiece/Purchase a Golf Lesson - 1 gamepiece
Youth Golf Day every Saturday - 1 gamepiece/Attend a Youth Center Keystone Club meeting - 1 gamepiece
Complete Youth Center coaches' training - 3 gamepieces/ATWIND Day every Friday at the Community Activity Center (CAC),
Participate in a skills activity or make a purchase - 1 gamepiece/Water Color Class, 9-16 June at the CAC - 1 gamepiece
Dawing Class, 5, 7, 12, 14, 19 June at the CAC - 1 gamepiece/CAC Mt Rushmore Trip, 21-24 June - 1 gamepiece

AWND Activities from the Family Support Center

You must be registered for all Family Support Center (FSC) sponsored classes. All classes are held in the FSC Classroom except TAPS and Marketing Yourself for a Second Career, which are held in the Philsted Club. All classes are worth 1 gamepiece each.

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| 5 June - Sponsorship Training, 0730-0845 | 19 June - Transition Assistance Program Seminar (TAPS) Part II, 0730-1630 |
| 6 June - Personal Financial Management Program, 0800-1100 | 20 June - Personal Financial Management Program, 0800-1100 |
| 7 June - Job Orientation, 1300-1430 | 20 June - Transition Assistance Program Seminar (TAPS), Part III, 0730-1630 |
| 12 June - Sponsorship Training, 0730-0845/State Planning Seminar, 1300-1600 | 21 June - Career Marketing strategies, 0800-1200, |
| 13 June - Grief Classes 0800-0900, Stroke/Mobility Classes, 0900-1000 | 21 June - Transition Assistance Program Seminar (TAPS), Part IV, 0830-1630 |
| 14 June - Job Orientation, 1300-1430 | 25 June - Market Yourself for a Second Career, 0900-1130 |
| 18 June - Transition Assistance Program Seminar (TAPS) Part I, 0730-1630 | 26 June - Sponsorship Training, 0730-0845/Resume Review, 0900-1100 |
| 19 June - Sponsorship Training, 0730-0845/Brokers for Babies, 1300-1600 | 28 June - Job Orientation, 1300-1430 |

AWND Activities from the HWC

Complete any of these programs and receive 1 gamepiece.

Weight Control Program Lifestyle Program Nutrition Class Tobacco Cessation Class
Introduction to Fitness Class Weight Training Class Stress Break Class

AWND Activities from the Education Center

CEP TEST - Includes all successful training from 1 January - 30 August 2001. Bring your verification to the Education Center to claim your gamepiece.
DANIES TEST - Includes all successful training from 1 January - 30 August 2001. Bring your verification to the Education Center to claim your gamepiece.
ONE GAMEPIECE may be earned for the following:

1. Taking College Classes approved by the Education Center
2. Attending Air War College or Air Command and Staff College Seminar
3. Receiving education counseling for AFROIC, SCAR, OIS, Air Force Academy

Individuals must be enrolled and receive counseling during ATWIND (1 June - 31 August)

AWND Activities from the Chapel

Adult Sunday School, 0945-1045 every Sunday - 1 gamepiece VBS 12-15 June, 1730-1930 at the Chapel - 1 gamepiece
Wednesday Night Bible Study, 1900-2100 every Wednesday - 1 gamepiece Bible Study picnic Sunday, 22 June, 1200, at the picnic grounds - 1 gp.

Teams compete in intramural pool



Jeff Fackler, 21st SVS "B" team, watches the cue ball fly off the pool table after beginning a match while teammates look on. Fackler's team lost to 21st SVS "A", 10 games to six, in the intramural pool game Tuesday

Photos by Chris Hicks



Ericka Brewington, 1st CACS pool team, lines up a shot during a game against the 721st CES Tuesday at the enlisted club. The 721st CES beat 1st CACS 10 games to four.

Sports Shorts

German mens volleyball team

The German mens volleyball team will practice at the fitness center today. For more information, contact Les Stewart at 556-7220.

Cheyenne Mountain 5K fun run

Cheyenne Mountain Air Force Station will host a 5K fun run June 15, 11:30 a.m. Call Senior Airman Bonnie Miller at 556-1515 for more information.

Cheyenne Mountain AFS softball tournament

Cheyenne Mountain will host a softball tournament June 18-21. The entry fee is \$20 per team. Teams must sign up by Wednesday. Call Senior Airman Bonnie Miller at 556-1515 for more information.

Weekend Bash softball tournament

The 13th Annual "Weekend Bash" Softball Tournament will be June 23-24 in Tucson, Ariz. The top four teams will receive awards. The tournament champions will have their choice of new gloves or bats. For more information, contact Greg Manning at (520) 228-5478, DSN 228-5478.

Outdoor recreation adventure

ATV AND CAMPING

June 22-24

Venture into the rugged backcountry without wearing yourself out. Explore with an

ATV for an entire weekend. Cost is

\$150 per person. Call

556-4867.

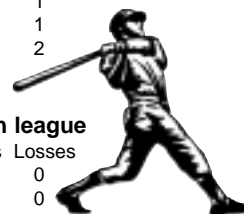


Intramural softball standings

As of June 1

Thursday co-ed league

	Wins	Losses
1. 21 WS	2	0
2. HQ AFSPC	1	0
3. 21 CES	1	1
4. 10 MDG	0	1
5. Team Co	0	2



Tuesday recreation league

	Wins	Losses
1. AFSPC	3	0
1. HQ AF/SC	3	0
3. 21 CES	2	0
4. Det 4	2	1
5. 21 OSS	1	1
5. 21 MSS	1	1
5. 721 SFS	1	1
8. 721 COM	1	2
8. 721 CES	1	2
8. 84 ALF	1	2
11. HQ AF/BA	0	2
12. 21 SFS	0	3
12. J5	0	3



Wednesday recreation league

	Wins	Losses
1. 10 MDG	4	0
1. 11 SWS	4	0
1. J2	4	0
4. AFMC	3	0
5. 21SFS	3	1
6. NORAD	2	2
6. 21SW	2	2
6.1CACS	2	2
9. ARMY	0	2
9. 76SPCS	0	2
9. HQ AF/SC	1	3
9. HQAFSPC1	3	1
9. 21 CS	1	3
14. 302	0	3
15. 21SVS	0	4

